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## *The Best of Both Worlds*

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For depth and specialization as well as breadth and perspective, Redeemer College will offer the "best of both worlds" through the addition of new four-year programs in Fall '88. Their formats are designed to suit particular academic and professional goals.

### **General Degree Program**

For those selecting a program with a basic major which leaves room for a number of electives and prepares one for admission to such graduate programs as medicine, law or library science, the three or four-year general degree program is appropriate.

Three and four-year general degrees are available in fourteen disciplines: art, biology, English, French, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, physical education, political science, psychology, religion & theology, sociology and theatre arts. Group concentrations are offered in fine arts, general sciences, humanities, and social studies.

### **Major Degree Program**

The four-year major is for those in pre-professional programs and in the sciences and mathematics. It combines a 14-16 course major with the liberal arts core requirements. This level of concentration is important for those interested in teaching at secondary schools, and also provides an adequate basis for admission to graduate programs. This program is available in biology, business, psychology/human services, and religion and theology (four-year pre-seminary program).

### **Honours Degree Program**

For those who are graduate-school bound or really want to dig into a subject, the four-year honours degree program is most suitable. It combines a 16-18 course major with a minor and the liberal arts core requirements. This combination represents the best possible preparation for goals ranging from business

to pre-seminary training and for admission to many graduate schools. Four-year honours programs are offered in biology, business, English, French, history, psychology, and religion and theology.

### **Teacher Education Program**

The elementary and secondary education programs are also four-year degree programs. A five-year program is recommended for secondary education (major or honours degree plus education courses).

### **Pre-seminary Training**

Redeemer College now offers three and four-year pre-seminary programs. A fourth (honours) year has been added in co-operation with Calvin Theological Seminary which allows students to remain at Redeemer for their first year of seminary training. Graduates can enter seminary and graduate in three years rather than the usual four.

### **The Best of Both Worlds**

Redeemer College is pleased to announce the implementation of these new programs. They offer expanded opportunities for career development and graduate studies.

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## Academic Outlook

by Dr. Justin Cooper, V.P. Academic

### RESEARCH AT A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

We sometimes need to be reminded that faculty members engage in teaching *and* research. Research is done primarily in the summer months and

therefore isn't as visible as teaching or speaking in the community. But it is essential to the life of an academic institution, even one which emphasizes good teaching. Why? Because research keeps faculty current and competent in their disciplines.

This is crucial for good teaching. Students must see their professors not just as teachers of a body of knowledge but as active participants in a discipline. Senior students may also assist faculty in their research and become collaborators in the process of exploration and discovery. Research is also important for the task of the College in the wider academic community, both Christian and secular. In order to advance knowledge from a Reformed Christian perspective, the academic work of the faculty must be recognized and respected by their colleagues in other institutions.

To facilitate faculty research we have done a number of things at Redeemer College. First, our teaching load is five or six courses per year rather than eight as in many other private institutions. Faculty are expected to spend at least 25% of their time in research. Second, we have developed a broad definition of research appropriate to the diversity of disciplines at the College. Research or academic activity may include experiments, scholarly investigation and publication, artistic creation and performance or consultation and report preparation. Third, the College supports scholarly activity through funding for travel and other costs related to research.

In 1986-87, the College spent over \$133,645 for fundable projects. These were submitted to SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) of Canada under a Matching Grants Program, which provides reimbursement for 20% of cost of research paid by funds and private sources. Every one of these projects was accepted by SSHRC, which attests to the quality of the work of our faculty. During 1987-88, the amount spent on fundable projects rose to approximately \$430,000. In addition, over \$10,000 was spent to enable faculty members to participate in scholarly conferences. Finally, three faculty members were granted paid sabbatical leaves for extended research: Hugh Cook and Wytse van Dijk both for the entire year and John Bolt for a half-year.

However, more needs to be done. There are still projects left undone for lack of funds; considerable amounts are also paid by faculty themselves, for example, to underwrite the costs related to the publication of manuscripts. Therefore, the College has pledged to begin a research fund to which faculty can apply for special research projects and such things as publication expenses. This will encourage the faculty in their important academic work, enhance the instruction given to students and enable the College to make its contribution as a small Christian university in the world of higher education in Canada.

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# The Editor's Workbench

## Greetings fellow Alumni!

When you received your issue of Images, you undoubtedly discovered two things - your membership card and your Alumni window sticker. They have been a while coming but I hope you will find both to have been worth the wait.

Your yellow membership card entitles you to several benefits at the College. Most significantly, presentation of your card at the desk in the Athletics wing will give you free access to all our sports facilities except towel service and equipment rental. Come in and use the weight room, squash courts or the gymnasium.

As Alumni, you are also entitled to discounts for housing. If you travel to the area, Redeemer residences are almost always available during summer months at very reasonable prices.

The Redeemer College Library offers you full services upon presentation of your card. To receive full borrowing privileges, you must obtain a library card. The Redeemer Library now boasts 105,000 bibliographic items with 229 paid subscriptions.

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The first Alumni Directory will arrive at your door sometime during October. To make it a success, we need your correct address and other vital information. Please clip and return the attached form with your correct information. **Deadline** for changes is October 1, 1988.

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The Alumni Advisory Council will meet for the first time in the 1988/89 academic year on Saturday, September 17th at 11:00 a.m. The Council will appoint one new member and discuss fundraising techniques, the constitution and formulate an executive committee.

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Next issue of Images will be mailed in November. The **deadline** for submissions is October 25, 1988. Why not share your news of interest with classmates?

## Class of '88

### Graduate

### Program

Beth-Anne Bakker	Biology
Ken Benjamins	Pre-Seminary
Mary Anne Benjamins	Education
Lori Bergsma	Education
Mary Bom	Biology
Nancy Booy	Education
Joy Bouwers	Psychology
James Broekema	Pre-Seminary
Betty Broersma	Psychology
Rob Brouwer	Business
Ray DeBoer	Business
Rodney DeKoter	Science
Jennifer Heida	Psychology
Arlene Heidbuurt	Psychology
Theo Hoekstra	Pre-Seminary
Pauline Kaldeway	Education
Harry Kooy	Biology
Sheila Kooy	Psychology
Henry Lammers	Education
Rosanne Lenos	Psychology
Mike Maaskant	Psychology
Chris Schotsman	Business
Erick Schuringa	Pre-Seminary
Shirley Smid	Education
Sandra Termorshuizen	Education
Peter Tuininga	Pre-Seminary
Fred Van Arragon	Education
Judy VanDenBroek	Business
Ray VanderKooij	Pre-Seminary
Anita VanderPloeg	Education
Mike VanGurp	Business
Dan Veldhuis	Education
Lorraine Vermeer	Biology
Linda Visser	Psychology
Lennie Vreugdenhil	Education
Winnie Wiebenga	Education
Diane Wiersma	Education
Allison Zomer	Education

### 86/ 87 Yearbooks are in!

To receive yours, write or call  
Jodie Bomhof: Student Life Office, Redeemer College,  
Ancaster, Ontario L9G 3N6  
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## The Personal Touch

**Roberta VanHuizen x83** married Ben Lutjeboer on August 6th. Ben will be studying in the pre-Seminary program at Redeemer.

**Peter Bakker x85** graduated from Calvin College in Spring '88 and is now employed by I.C. Controls in Orangeville, a company which markets industrial water analysis equipment.

**Annette Oosterhof x85** married Rob Schreuders in Stratford on August 27th. The couple will reside in Holland beginning this month.

**Gerard Kuntz 86** married Jane VanderPloeg in Woodstock, Ontario on June 4th. Gerard is employed by Canada Building Materials Ltd. in Milton.

**Larry Luth x86** married Tracey Van de Wetering on Saturday, August 13th in Sarnia, ON. Tracey will continue her education at Redeemer College.

**Andrew Regnerus x86** married Melinda Westerhof on Saturday, August 20th in St. Catharines, ON.

**Judy Bouwers 87** is teaching French and English at Hamilton District Christian Highschool.

**Wilma Jonkman 87** has accepted a position with the Athens Christian School teaching grades 5-8.

**Trudy Kroesbergen 87** is teaching at Clinton District Christian School.

**Denise Grootenboer 87** married **Phil Dykstra x86** on June 25. Phil works for Shurgain Feeds Ltd. in Stratford, ON.

**Beth-Anne Bakker 88** is in her first year of Medical School at the University of Ottawa.

**Mary Bom 88** graduated from Redeemer with 46 courses and is now completing her Master's in Biology at the University of Guelph. Mary was admitted to the program without completing a qualifying year.

**Jennifer Heida 88** is in Thailand for 1 year doing missions work among Thai people and teaching university-level English.

## Music Ministry Tour a success!

This summer the Redeemer College music ministry group "Connections" performed at 45 schools, churches, campgrounds, conferences and missions with their repertoire of Christian contemporary music and drama.

Among the group's accomplishments this summer was a program on Christian music produced with CKVR television in Barrie which aired in August. Connections also performed at Toronto's Yonge St. Mission and the C.S.I. convention in July.

During the 1988/89 academic year, "Connections" will be performing twice a month within the Province and are now accepting bookings for the spring of 1989.

To reserve "Connections" for your special event or Church service contact:

Marian DenBoer  
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(416) 648-2131

### Change of Information

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News of interest: \_\_\_\_\_